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REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Dear Sir:

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Final Office Action of March 22, 2007.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Steinberg in view of Sun and in view of Aoki. In taking this rejection, the Examiner has relied on Aoki as teaching the element from claim 1 “*executing the program at the central processor so that the central processor carries out an image processing operation on the viewed image in accordance with instructions carried by the program to generate output image data*”.

With respect, the Applicant disagrees. Aoki teaches a still video camera which is capable of printing images captured by the camera. However, Aoki does not teach that a captured image can be processed within the camera to include an effect read from an image processing program stored on a printed card that is read within the camera. All Aoki teaches is a simple capture and print functionality. Processing an image *within a camera* is not taught or suggested by any of the cited documents and is therefore not obvious from the combination of references. Accordingly, the combined references fail to teach processing a captured image *within a camera* in accordance with a processing program provided to the camera on a printed medium. The Applicant therefore contends that claim 1 and its dependent claims are patentable over the combined references.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicant contends that the present application is in condition for allowance. Further consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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